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CABINET COUNCIL ON COMMERCE AND TRADE  
Meeting #77, November 16, 1983  
10:10 a.m., Cabinet Room

Attendees: The President, Vice President, Messrs. Baldrige, Smith, Block, Donovan, Heckler, Meese, Feldstein, Svahn, Beggs, Keyworth, McNamar, Simmons, Wright, Darman, Fuller, Herrington, Jenkins, Gunn, Herbolzheimer, Calio, Shane, Baroody, Cribb, Wallis, Burkhalter, Cicconi, Ms. Dole, Whittlesey, and Risque

Commercialization of Expendable Launch Vehicles (ELVs)

The purpose of the meeting was to have the President hear arguments as to which executive agency should have the lead role in carrying out the government's policy for the commercialization of ELVs. It was deemed desirable to have such designation made prior to hearings, scheduled for November 17, before the House Space Science and Applications Subcommittee on HR 3942, the "Expendable Launch Vehicle Act".

Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole presented the case for designating DoT, which included the following:

- o DoT has a track record in deregulation (e.g., airlines, railroads, trucking, etc.);
- o The ELV industry is an infant transportation industry with key issues similar to those of other transportation modes (e.g., eminent domain, land acquisition, special materials handling, etc.) and such issues are likely to dominate this process;
- o No new bureaucracy would be needed; and
- o An interagency group could be convened to resolve interagency problems.

Anthony Calio, Deputy Administrator of The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, presented the case for designating DoC as lead:

- o In addition to minimizing regulatory process, it will be important to promote and develop this infant industry; industry must be assured that US government will not compete after commercialization;
- o There is competition from France, Japan, USSR, among others. Foreign markets must be developed in order to obtain payloads for the industry;

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- o What is new with ELVs is not technical -- rather it is financial, commercial and trade related. The Department of Commerce has the institutional experience in trade promotion and trade administration to address better the key issues.

Action Taken : After listening to the arguments, the President closed the meeting indicating that he would decide soon after. (Later in the day, the President designated DoT as lead agency.)